

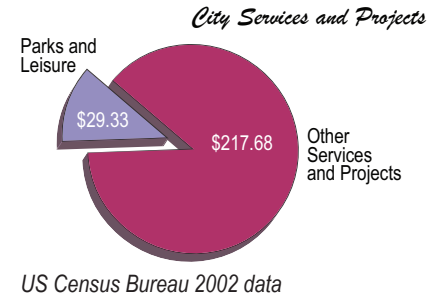


City of Las Vegas

Parks and Leisure Services

**Making Sense
of YOUR
Dollars and
Cents**

Of the \$247.00 the city collects in taxes and fees per household per month, \$29.93 is spent on parks, cultural events and other programs.*



What can you get for \$29.33?

One of the items below:

Two tickets to the movies, a bucket of popcorn and two beverages.

Two tickets to a Las Vegas 51's baseball game.

A little more than 10 gallons of gasoline.

OR

Did you know?

*For the largest city in each state:**

- Las Vegas had a lower overall tax burden than all but three cities.
- Las Vegas had a lower property tax payment than 28 of the other cities.
- Las Vegas had a lower sales tax rate than 35 of the other cities.

Source: Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Finance and Revenue.

* For a family of four with a \$50,000 household income

All of the items below and more:

Over 19,000 programs each year for residents of all ages.

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More than 1,900 cultural events annually for residents of all ages.

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Maintenance of parks and recreation facilities which include 910 acres of parks, seven municipal pools and 216 miles of trails.



* For purposes of comparison, data is from the 2002 Census of Governments.

City	Households ¹	Parks & Leisure expenditures ²	Parks & Leisure expenditures household/ year	Parks & Leisure expenditures household/ month
Seattle, WA	257,219	\$ 182,000,000	\$ 707.57	\$ 58.96
Denver, CO	239,394	\$ 155,000,000	\$ 647.47	\$ 53.96
Oklahoma City, OK	200,729	\$ 117,000,000	\$ 582.88	\$ 48.57
Las Vegas, NV	187,530	\$ 66,000,000	\$ 351.94	\$ 29.33
Cleveland, OH	189,171	\$ 61,000,000	\$ 322.46	\$ 26.87
Ft. Worth, TX	197,387	\$ 63,000,000	\$ 319.17	\$ 26.60
Portland, OR	223,750	\$ 69,000,000	\$ 308.38	\$ 25.70
Nashville, TN	221,756	\$ 63,000,000	\$ 284.10	\$ 23.67
Baltimore, MD	248,291	\$ 60,000,000	\$ 241.65	\$ 20.14
El Paso, TX	191,203	\$ 22,000,000	\$ 115.06	\$ 9.59

Sources: 1. American Community Survey, 2002

2. Year 2002 data from the Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2006

City of Las Vegas Parks and Leisure Services Facts

- There are 64 parks consisting of 910 acres and seven pools maintained by the city of Las Vegas at a cost of \$5.50 per household, per month.
 - * Cost of building your own pool: About \$265 per month.
 - * Cost of complete pool and landscape maintenance for one month for a single family residence: \$140.
- The city currently has:
 - * 36 baseball and softball fields, five football fields, 39 soccer fields and 27 multi-use fields.
 - * 48 basketball courts, 65 tennis courts and 18 volleyball courts.
 - * Four municipal golf courses.
 - * 216 miles of trails.
- More than four million occurrences of people participating in a program at a city recreation facility/field or attending an activity or event at a city facility were counted during the past year. Among them:
 - * Youth participation – 2.2 million occurrences
 - * Senior participation – 654,000 occurrences
 - * Special needs participation – 27,200 occurrences
- There are 3.2 park acres per 1,000 residents. (Includes city, school and private parks open to the public.)
- In 2001 there were 1.1 park acres per 1,000 population.
- During the past five years, the city has added 3.5 acres of park space per 1,000 new residents.
- The city has 40 recreational and cultural centers which hosted 19,834 programs during the past year.
- Leisure Services Department received four 2006 Nevada Recreation and Park Society program excellence awards and two park excellence awards.
- Fifty-four percent of recreational programs are for youth (under 18 years of age) while 16 percent are for those over 50 years of age.

